

STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER TITLE XIX
NEW MEXICO

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Attachment 4.14-A
Utilization Review Plan for Intermediate
Care Facilities

From 1974 until January 31, 1979, The New Mexico Professional Standards Review Organization (NMPSRO) performed long term care admission and concurrent review for the NM Medicaid Program under a memorandum of understanding with the Department. The State Agency retained the responsibility for the Medical Review Team and Independent Professional Review on-site activities.

On February 1, 1979, the NMPSRO was nominated by HHS as a conditional PSRO with binding review authority in the area of long term care under Title XI of the Social Security Act. Under this authority the NMPSRO performed all admission review, concurrent review, and on-site quality of care for SNFs, ICFs, and ICF/MRs.

As a result of the loss of Federal funding for binding review of Long Term Care under Title XI on September 30, 1981, the responsibility for assuring that UR/UC review is carried out in Long Term Care facilities was shifted to the Human Services Department.

The Department has elected to contract with the NMPSRO to carry out the Long Term Care Utilization review function. The NMPSRO will carry out this function according to the New Mexico Plan for Long Term Care Review which is set forth in Part I.B. of Attachment 3.1-C of this State Plan. Please see that attachment for specific details relating to the Utilization Review Plan for Intermediate Care Facilities. Section A.2 of Article II of the current Human Services Department - Professional Standards Review Organization contract under which this responsibility is delegated to the PSRO is here attached as Supplement 1 to Attachment 4.14-A.

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The NMPSRO will perform pre-admission, admission, continued stay and on-site quality of care review for all licensed long term care facilities in the State during the contract year. The NMPSRO will perform pre-admission, admission and continued stay review and on-site quality of care review for all acute care hospitals with swing beds. In carrying out LTC Review the NMPSRO shall utilize NMPSRO Physician Advisors, a Nurse Review Coordinator, Nurse On-Site Evaluators and when indicated seek the advice and counsel of the Director of Professional Affairs and appropriate authorities in the Medical Assistance Bureau. The LTC Review shall be carried out in accordance with the Human Services Department Long Term Care Review Plan.

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